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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - State's Attorney's Office - Composition and**  
3 **Salaries**  
4 **PG 311-03**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the number of assistant State's Attorney positions in the  
6 State's Attorney's office; increasing the maximum salaries of the deputy State's  
7 Attorneys, the assistant State's Attorneys, and the administrative assistant in  
8 the State's Attorney's office; and generally relating to the composition of and  
9 salaries in the office of the State's Attorney of Prince George's County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article 10 - Legal Officials  
12 Section 40(q)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article 10 - Legal Officials**

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19 (q) In Prince George's County:

20 (1) (i) The State's Attorney's annual salary shall be:

- 1 1. \$107,775 for calendar year 1999;
- 2 2. \$107,775 for calendar year 2000;
- 3 3. \$111,000 for calendar year 2001;
- 4 4. \$114,300 for calendar year 2002;
- 5 5. \$119,900 for calendar year 2003;
- 6 6. \$119,900 for calendar year 2004; and
- 7 7. \$125,500 for calendar year 2005 and for each subsequent  
8 calendar year.

9 (ii) The State's Attorney may not, except in connection with duties  
10 as State's Attorney, appear as counsel or represent any party professionally before  
11 any court, board, commission, or agency of this State or any county or political  
12 subdivision of this State. The State's Attorney may not engage in the private practice  
13 of law but may participate in the pro bono program administered by the Prince  
14 George's County Bar Foundation.

15 (2) The State's Attorney may appoint two deputy State's Attorneys and  
16 [65] 73 assistant State's Attorneys. The deputy State's Attorneys and assistant  
17 State's Attorneys serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney.

18 (3) The annual salary of the deputy State's Attorneys shall be within the  
19 discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed [\$97,000] \$108,000. The salaries  
20 are to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the County  
21 Executive and County Council.

22 (4) The annual salary of the assistant State's Attorneys shall be within  
23 the discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed [\$90,000] \$100,000. The  
24 salaries are to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the  
25 County Executive and County Council.

26 (5) The deputy State's Attorneys and the assistant State's Attorneys,  
27 except in connection with their duties as deputy State's Attorneys and assistant  
28 State's Attorneys, may not appear as counsel or represent any party professionally  
29 before any court, board, commission or agency of this State or any county or political  
30 subdivision of this State. The deputy State's Attorneys and assistant State's Attorneys  
31 may not engage in the private practice of law, but may participate in the pro bono  
32 program administered by the Prince George's County Bar Foundation.

33 (6) The deputy State's Attorneys and the assistant State's Attorneys  
34 shall perform whatever work as may be directed by the State's Attorney, or as  
35 authorized by law, and under the direction of the State's Attorney may present cases  
36 to the grand juries, sign indictments and criminal informations, and perform  
37 whatever other acts and duties in relation to the grand juries and in the operation of  
38 the office as are necessary and proper.

1           (7)       The State's Attorney may appoint an administrative assistant to  
2 serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The annual salary of the administrative  
3 assistant shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed  
4 [\$56,000] \$59,000. The salary is to be paid by the county on the certification of the  
5 State's Attorney to the County Executive and County Council. The administrative  
6 assistant is not subject to the rules and regulations of the county merit system, but  
7 shall be entitled to all benefits provided for county employees under the merit system.

8           (8)       The salary and expenses of the State's Attorney, the deputy State's  
9 Attorneys, and the assistant State's Attorneys shall be paid in equal semimonthly  
10 installments.

11       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2003.